



September 15, 2015

New M-Spirit Release

M-Spirit upgrade 2.22.03 is scheduled for release to the WIC clinics on Oct 1. The release will contain the following correction:

- SPIRIT allowed the issuance of a one-year old package (whole) to a two-year old who should've been receiving 1% or skim milk. SPIRIT did not require a food prescription dated for the second birthday.

Please remember:

1. After the upgrade is deployed your computer will automatically update **the next time you log on**. If you log off and log on again Thursday afternoon (10/1/15), your system will start the update then.
2. If your clinic is known to have bandwidth problems, please remember to allow time for the upgrade. Bandwidth issues will cause the upgrade to take up to half an hour, sometimes longer. Initiating the upgrade early will help avoid delayed appointments. Therefore, if you plan to log off on Thursday at close of business and log in Friday morning, you may want to block your schedule for the first half hour or come in a little early.
3. **You must reset local reference data the next time you log on.**
4. **Call the helpdesk with ANY questions or concerns.**

Reports Available

[Participation Report August 2015](#)

[Breastfeeding and Peer Counselor Report August 2015](#)

[Benefits Issued and Redeemed Report July 2015](#)

Check Your Inventory of Breast Pumps, Benefit Stock and MICR

WIC now has a large supply of Breast Pumps, Benefit stock and MICR, please check your inventory and send orders to Mark Squires By Sept 18, as he will no longer be available after the end of September and, before he leaves, he would like to restock your inventory to carry your program through the end of 2015. For all orders please use online [order forms](#).

New Training Module

A new training module has been added to the Montana WIC webpage. It is located under training, then Nutrition Training. The new lesson is called Child Nutrition (4 CEU's). At the end of the lesson, there is a progress check point and activities. Once the progress check point and activities are completed, please send them to the State WIC office, attention Lacy Little. Lacy will review the information and follow up with the employee. More training modules are being developed and will be put online as they are completed.

Confidentiality

This is a friendly reminder that email is not considered a secure way to communicate using any participant information. Please do not email participant names, dates of birth, or other identifiable information. This includes using screen shots to convey issues or concerns to the state office. If you have any questions, please call the state office.

Breastfeeding: The Many Disciplines that Surround it

The Bismarck Mandan Breastfeeding Partnership is sponsoring *Breastfeeding: The Many Disciplines that Surround it* to be held on November 5, 2015, at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Mandan, ND. Please review the [agenda](#) and [registration form](#), or use the [on-line registration form](#).

Feedback on Chop Chop Materials

Evilee Ebb with Chop Chop is interested in your feedback on the Chop Chop issue your clinics recently received. There will be three more issues arriving over the next year. Your feedback will help them improve those issues for our use. To give feedback to Evilee, please email her at ev@chopchopmag.org.

Life Course Development Training

Maternal and Child Health Life Course Research Network is a virtual collaborative network of researchers, service providers and thought leaders committed to improving health and reducing disease by advancing life course health development research. The LCRN is pleased to announce the launch of this new webinar series. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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